

West Central Georgia Regional Hospital
Regional Reflections
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EBOLA PREPAREDNESS

West Central Georgia Regional Hospital is following the CDC recommendations for prevention and early identification of the Ebola Virus.

Symptoms of Ebola Include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Joint and Muscle Aches
- Weakness
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Stomach Pain and Lack of Appetite
- Unexplained hemorrhage (bleeding or bruising)

Be alert to the symptoms listed above if you have travelled to West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone) or had contact with family/friends who traveled to West Africa within 21 days of symptom onset.

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Screening Criteria for Visitors

1. Fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain and lack of appetite, and in some cases bleeding.

If the visitor has the above symptoms they should NOT be allowed on campus.

AND

2. Travel to West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone) or contact with family/friends who traveled to West Africa within 21 days of symptom onset.

If both criteria are met then IMMEDIATELY Report visitor to:

Ken Akerman, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm, 706 568-5109.

Nursing Supervisor, 706 568-5279, pager 706 317-8604

Columbus Health Department: 706 587-5801

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by calling the CDC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 770-488-7100 or via email at eocreport@cdc.gov.

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Screening Criteria for Employees

1. Fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain and lack of appetite, and in some cases bleeding.

If the employee has the above symptoms they should not be allowed on campus until the symptoms completely resolve.

AND

2. Travel to West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone) or contact with family/friends who traveled to West Africa within 21 days of symptom onset.

If both criteria are met then the employee should NOT be allowed on campus until providing a note from their doctor.

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